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Subject:

Trip Report for Onsite Reconnaissance at

K.J. Quinn & Co., Inc. Seabrook, New Hampshire CERCLIS No. NHD048722466

Field activities commenced at the K.J. Quinn & Co., Inc. facility ("the Site") at 10:00 on July 9, 1991. Skies were clear, winds were easterly at approximately 20 - 30 mph, and the temperature was approximately 80°F.

TRCC personnel present were Tod Perkins, Paul Arnold, and Joe Schmidl.

TRCC met briefly with Mr. Bryant Winterholer, Director of Safety and Environmental Affairs for K.J. Quinn to discuss the purpose and scope of the reconnaissance. Mr. Winterholer described the processes conducted on site and explained that three of the site's buildings were sold to Morton International last week (week ending July 6, 1991). Morton had been leasing the buildings since July 1988. TRCC, accompanied by Mr. Winterholer, began the onsite reconnaissance at 10:40.

The onsite manufacturing facility, the ground water air-stripping unit, the monitoring wells, and the NPDES manholes and discharge pipe were all visually inspected. Ambient air conditions were continually monitored during reconnaissance using an organic vapor analyzer (OVA) and an HNu photoionizer. OVA readings remained at or below concentrations (0 ppm) throughout the entire site reconnaissance. readings exceeded background at two locations: 1) at the mouth of a PVC pipe containing electrical cables, 2 feet southwest of the air-stripping unit, a reading of 13 ppm was noted; and 2) at the surface of a manhole covering pipes containing non-contact cooling water and the effluent from the air-stripping unit, a sustained HNu reading of 250 ppm was noted. The manhole was located 15 feet southwest of K.J. Quinn's office building. No other readings were noted. Site characteristics are noted in Figure 1.

Per EPA guidance, samples were not collected at the site. Site reconnaissance was completed at 12:37.



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